

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, First Sergeant Kent B. Thaelke's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, First Sergeant Thaelke has devoted more than 31 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Field Artilleryman, including service in Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and devoting over 25 years of full time service as a Technician of this state; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

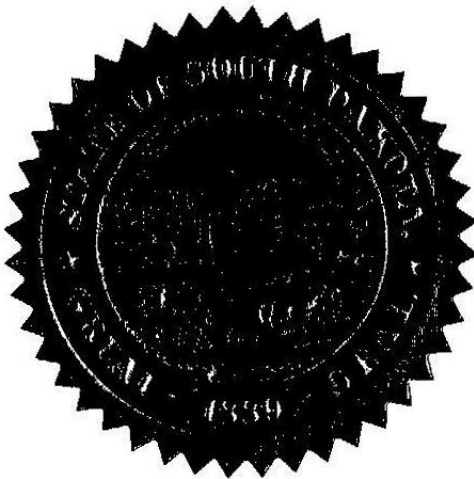
Whereas, First Sergeant Thaelke continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend First Sergeant Kent B. Thaelke for more than 31 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 5, 2011, as

FIRST SERGEANT KENT B. THAELKE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State